U. S. WILL ASSIST FOOD SHIP OWNERS IN FREEING CARGO

State Department to Take Hand in Wilhelmina Case if Prize Court Proceedings Are Unsatisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-That the State Department and owners of the American steamship Wilhelmina will act entirely in accord relative to the British selzure of the vessel's foodetuffs cargo bound to Germany, was announced today by ex-Cenator Towns, representing the owners.

The State Department indicated that if prize court proceedings are unsatisfactory this Government may take a hand in establishing the vessel's right to take food to Germany. The official statement was made, however, that the Department did not yet regard the matter as an international incident.

PALMOUTH, Eng., Feb. th.—The cargo of foodstuffs on the American steamship Wilhelmina was formally seized by the Government today. Acting under instructions sent from London by the Foreign Office, the port officials formally took possession of the ship and ordered her cargo the standard to a dock where her cargo possession of the sup and transferred to a dock where her cargo will be unloaded. Its final disposition will be determined by a prize court, and it is stated that every effort will be made to hurry these proceedings. It is understood that the owners of the

cargo will enter the claim that it is not subject to seizure, inasmuch as it left the United States before any action had been taken by the German officials to selze foodstuffs. The steamship itself will not be interfered with, but will be free to sail after the cargo is taken off.

Captain Brewer, of the Wilhelmina, said that the first news he had that Germany had decided to commandeer all foodstuffs was received after he had anchored in Falmouth harbor, "I suppose that this will change the en-

the aspect of the case," he said, "but I cannot say what will be done. I have reported by cable to the ship's owners and am waiting instructions from them." Some time ago the suggestion was made that a joint prize court be established to be composed of one or more judges named be composed of one or more judges named by neutral and allied Powers to pass upon cases similar to that of the Wilhelmina. The British Foreign Office, while not def-initely refusing to adopt the suggestion, has so expressed itself as to indicate lit-tic likelihood of its agreeing to the plan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- Counsel for owners of the American steamship Wil-helmins, whose cargo is hald in England. were expected today to confer with State Department heads relative to this Gov-ernment's attitude on a test case. Such a case is sought by the owners to deter-mine American rights in shipping food-atuffs to Germany.

"BEWARE OF RECKONING." MAYOR TO TRANSIT FOES

Unveils Mammoth Map of City's Proposed Lines.

"A word to those who oppose rapid transit. I warn them there will be a day of reckoning.

Mayor Blankenburg made this declaration today at the unveiling of a mammoth rapid transit map at Strawbridge &

After pulling aside a big American flag and bringing the plans for high speed transit to view the Mayor complimented those who had created this graphic ar-gument for rapid transit and sounded his warning to the obstructionists. "This map unfolds to you what will be the greatest rapid transit system in the world." he added. "This system will be of vital in-"This system will be of vital intence of the people. I and my administration stand to give Philadelphia this rest improvement. We want to con-inue going forward." Mr. Blankenburg then dwelt on the negreat Improvement.

counity of progress and optimism, and made the prophecy that the people would not be thwarted.

The Mayor's remarks were applauded

warmly by the business men and several hundred shoppers present, who will be especially grateful for better transit.

Herbert J. Tily, general manager of the store, introduced the Mayor. Director Taylor, of the Department of City Tran-

Taylor, of the Department of City Transit, and other members of the Mayor's
Cabinet, also were present.

The map was erected in the rotunda of
the east atore. It is 15 feet high and 22
feet in width. The Market street subway, the recommended high-speed lines,
and the proposed tube under the Delaware are marked by vari-colored lights.

These flash automatically the routes which ware are marked by vari-colored lights. They flash automatically the routes which may be traversed for a single 5-cent fare. In a flash it is seen that, according to the plans, one can ride from Frankford to Darby, from Roxberough to League Island, from Germantown to the navy yard, or from Germantown to Darby, for the same rate. The lights also show how travel can be made from various other

extrame points, connecting with surface lines for the same rate. The map was drawn from the plans of the Department of City Transit and col-ored by Miss Frances Lichten.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.
For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jar-ey: Fair and warmer tonight and Friday; fresh south winds.

The easiern area of high barometer is moving slowly off the Middle Atlantic coast this morning and the temperatures count this morning and the temperatures have risen in all districts from the Mississippi River eastward during the last 24 hours. In the Ohio vailey and the Lake region the rise has amounted to from 20 to 20 degrees, while in the Southern States it has been slight. Cloudiness has increased in the central valleys and the Lake region and dense fogy are reported from the upper Mississippi valley, but no precipitation of consequence has occurred east of the Rocky Mountains during the last 26 hours.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin



BELGIAN FLOUR SHIP OFF ON MERCY TRIP WITH \$583,000 CARGO

Sirens Shriek as Mayor Blankenburg and Prominent Business Men Wish Departing Vessel "Bon Voyage."

With strens shricking a "bon voyage, Mayor Blankenburg and a group o prominent business men of this city bid 'God-speed" to the big steamer South Point this afternoon, and a few moments later the vessel's propellers churned the water and she dropped down the Delaware on the first leg of her errand of mercy to London.

The hig freighter was deep in the river with \$583,000 worth of flour, donated by the Millers' Relief Movement, The American Ambassador's Commission in England will direct distribution of the staple to the war sufferers abroad.

In sending the vessel off with her rich cargo the Mayor recalled that William C. Edgar, who was among the spectators today, Joined him in 1892 near the same dock in praising the Americans who then were sending a cargo to the relief of the famine sufferers in Russia.

The South Point blew a parting blast and the party clambered ashore. Among others who spoke were Mr. Edgar, Frederick W. Taylor, of Charles M. Taylor's Sons; Benjamin R. Boggs, general freight agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, and Captain W. A. Nuemann, who seemed to be thinking of the valuable cargo he must conduct through the mine-strewn waters around England.

Many local millers who have contributed to the ship's load of flour naw the South Point sail. They left Race street wharf at 10 e'clock this morning on board the Ashbridge, which then started for Pier D. Port Richmond. A buffet lundaeon was served before the ceremonies on the ship.

Among those who were on the wharf were: James G. Whitely, secretary general Belgian Relief Fund; Walter Quackenbush, Eastern representative of the Northwestern Miller; George D. Dixon. vice president of Pennsylvania Raliroad. Walter Thayer, of Pennsylvania Rallroad; Charles J. Young, of the Balley, Banks & Biddle Company; Collector of Port Berry; Surveyor of the Port Kurtz; Edward W. Bok, Curtis Publishing Company; C. W. Wegar, Russell M. Wegar, George Sunday, son of the evangelist; George S. Hlatt, of publicity department of Belgian Relief Commission; O. T. Graff, president of Commercial Exchange; J. F. Auch, Philadelphia and Reading Railway Paul C. Hageman, Belgian Consul.

ALLOWS RAILROADS TO CUT LONG HAUL RATES TO PACIFIC

Commerce Board Holds Reduction Necessary to Insure Competition With lead pencil: Water Lines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-Because of competition through the Panama Canal, transcontinental railroads today were permitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission to charge lower rates from Eastern points to Pacific Coast terminals than to intermediate points. With a few specific exceptions the decision permits a reduction in the long-haul rates.

The decision was in what was known as the intermountain rate case, and was regarded as second in importance only to the 5 per cent. increase case. The decision was the second big victory for the railroads in their appeal to the commission for relief from threatened financial difficulties.

The commission recognized "the revo-

lutionary effects of the Panama Cana upon transportation" and declared that "the shrinkage of rates via the canal from New York to San Francisco put the transcontinental carriers in serious

The The commission points out that in reaching its conclusions it recognized these salient points in the case as pre-

these salient points in the case as presented by the railroads:
That under existing rates the railroads could not compete with the water lines to the Pacific Coast; that should the whole rate structure, including rates to intermountain points, be reduced to meet the water rates, the earnings of the railroads would be swept away; and that unless some adjustment could be made, the great industries around Chicago and in the Mississippi Valley would have to lose their Pacific Coast customers or migrate to the Atlantic scaboard.

In this situation the commission declars it was necessary to lower the through rates to the coast to insure

through rates to the coast to insure competition without lowering the rates to intermountain points on the same

The principal railroads involved are the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Atchison, Southern Pacific and Western Pacific. The new rates will become effective within 36 days after the filing by the railroads of tariffs containing them.

The action of the commission permits
the railroads to violate the long and short hauf clause of the fourth section of the

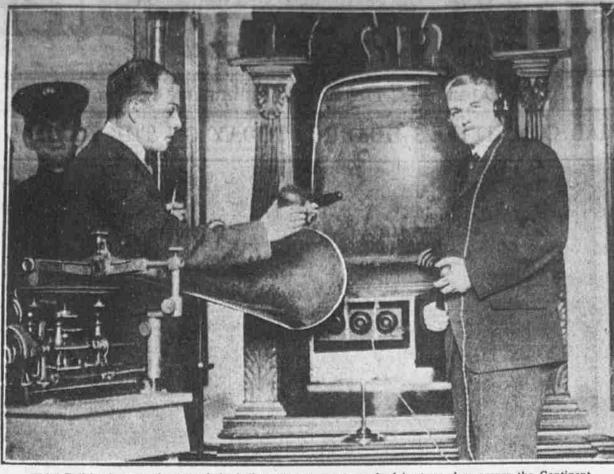
BIG TRADE BODY PLANNED

Chamber of Commerce Members

Pledge \$100,000 Fund. At the regular meeting this afternoon the 2700 members of the Chamber of Commerce were pledged by a vote of those present to subscribe \$100,000 a year for three years to finance the reorganisation of the commercial and manufactur-ing bodies of this city. Alba B. John-son, president of the Baldwin Locomo-tive Works, was named chairman of a tive Works, was named chairman of a committee of nine to effect the reorganisation, and Mr. Johnson announced his plan. In brief it is to create from among the members of the manufacturers' and merchants' associations, the Chamiser of Commurce, the Philadelphia Bourse and the Reard of Trade one great body that shall co-ordinate all departments of trade so that all shall work in harmony, yet each have individual attention paid to its needs. On the reorganization committee, with Mr. Johnson, are Howard B. French, hisrry B. Franch, Daniel Weitney, Charles Eline, Charles P. Vaughn, Thomas B. Hacolson, N. B. Kelly and

r. Johnson, are Howard B. Franch, arry B. Franch, Daniel Wellney, naries Eline, Charles P. Vaughn, bronch B. Hachtson, N. S. Kelly and





Chief Ball is shown as he tapped the bell to transm the sound of its taps clear across the Continent over the wires of the Bell Telephone Company, while Curator Jordan, of Independence Hall, is directing the recording of the famous relic's voice on a gramophone furnished by the Victor Talking Machine Company. Mayor Blankenburg and other prominen that the Bell offices on Arch street.

SUICIDE'S DYING WORDS A PLEA TO HIDE HIS IDENTITY

Man Who Declares Body Is That of David Krischoff Disappears Without Giving Name.

A man who died of polsoning at the door of the Hahnemann Hospital early this morning, after writing an appeal to the police to refrain from trying to find his relatives and friends, was identified as David Krischoff, 24 years old, of 3113 Page street. The man who identified the body left before his name could be

The suicide's letter follows: To the Police: If I have the right To the Police: If I have the right to make a request and if you have the power to grant it, please, I beg you, not to try to find the people who knew me. If you do find them you will only cause much unhappiness to those that were dear to me.

I have made a failure of my life and in sound mind have decided to end it. All the time I only caused unhappiness to those around me, and now when I die please spare them more of it. If you only cremate my worthless body as quickly as possible you will serve a human debt for those who like and knew me. This is the plea of one who is about to die, and please do not ignore it.

Ignore it.

The letter to this point was written in it. The following was written with a

I did not commit any crime against the law in any way, you may be assured of that. If I knew of a way to end it all without bother even to the police I would have done so.

The note was unsigned and undated. The suicide walked into City Hall courtyard late last night. He had taken bichloride tablets. The poison already was doing its work. The man was staggering, hardly able to walk. His face was distorted by pain, but he made an effort to smile when he walked up to a City Hall guard. The latter thought at first the man was drunk. Dr. John Wansmaker, 3d., police surgeon, happened to be near. He realized instantly the stranger was poisoned and put him into a partel wagon bound for the Hahnemann stranger was poisoned and put him into Hospital. At the door of the institution

LIBERTY BELL TAPPED TODAY Sound Will Travel by Wire for Benefit of San Franciscans. The Liberty Bell will be sounded late

this afternoon for the especial benefit of

a company of San Franciscans who will hear it over the direct line of the Bell Telephone Company to the Pacific Coast. Chief Ball, of the Bureau of City Propchief Bail, of the Bureau of City Property, will tap the old relic three times with different mallets. Mayor Blankenburg and about 200 prominent citizens will hear the sound at the 13th and Arch streets office of the company as it flashes on its way westward. Conversations with San Francisco over the wire will follow. Chief Bail will take care to strike the old bell in the side opposite the crack.

AWARD OF CITY CONTRACTS APPROXIMATING \$500,000

Director of Public Works Accepts Bids for Improvements

Contracts aggregating approximately \$500,000 for improvements in Philadelphia's water supply system were awarded today by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works. The contractors are urged by the Director to begin work as soon as is possible, to provide employment for idle men. The awards are:

Laying pipe on 57th and 53d streets, between Girard avenue and Market street. McNichol Paving and Construction Company, \$12.896.91; furnishing pipe, Walter Wood, \$54,265; furnishing valves, Chapman Valve Company, \$1354; construction sedimentation basin at Torresdale, Snare & Triest \$330,000.

The estimate of the Water Bureau for construction of the basin was \$500,000, but only \$400,000 was allowed by Councils in the loan bill. The unit prices of the Snare & Triest Company brought the total cost of the busin as designed to \$143,000.

Driver Arrested for Failing to Return Change From \$1.

Failure to return 72 cents change to Mrs. Margaret C. Lynch, 30 Pastorius Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hand, Mr. and Mrs. street, resulted in the arrest of William Charles P. Taylor, Admiral and Mrs. Nolan, 440 High street, who was arraigned R. T. Hall, Lieutenant and Mrs. W. F. before Magistrate Pennock today and held under \$600 ball for a further hearing Sun-

get the change, but never came back. Yesterday he was arrested by Special Policeman McFariand.

Professional "hoboes" know that the average policeman is good natured, and average policeman is good natured, and that's why many wanderers now make a practice of trying to "touch" "cope" for the price of a meal instead of approaching others. Two tramps, who were recently driven from this city, told a number of their associates to tackle the Germantown "cops" when they were hungry and they'd be sure of a "feed." This was done successfully for a few days during the last two weeks. Several policeing the last two weeks. Several police-men on comparing notes, however, learned that at least half a dozen tramps learned that at least half a dozen tramps were using the same story. It was so distressing that they simply couldn't refuse the men who recited it. A "hobo" of inventive mind wrote it down for the others and they got it down pat. But the next one who goes to Germantown with the tale will get six months at the House of Correction at the stone pile. So the members of the "Bums" Literary Syndicate" had better try another district.

A basketball game between the Barklie Club and a team composed of pupils of the Caivary Presbyterian Sunday School became so strenuous that the contestants tried to settle supremacy in a street fight. Four of the victorious players were arrested by the police of the 18th and Locust streats station. Abraham Rosenthal, who acted as spokesman for the Barklie team, said that the other follows were to blame. Under cross-examination by Magistrate Ronsy he declared that after the Barklies had won they were jeered by the losers. Ordinary conversation was hardly adequate, it spreams, and a general battle resulted.

"We best them in the puglistic game, too," said Rosenthal, "but we couldn't run as fast as they could and the "cops" gathered us in. That's why we're here and they are not."

The Judge advised the youthful prisoners to acquire control of their tempers and discharged them.

When Havenradd John Miller, of 5th A basketball game between the Barklie

When 17-year-old John Miller, of 5th street and Suaquehanna avenue, "bit the trail" at the "Billy" Sunday meetings he evidently fidu't get on a straight path. The police declars that he followed crooked lines despite his spiritual awakening. The boy found it very handy, tailed.

the Reading Railway at American and Clearfield streets. When he was caught, he told a tearful tale of miser; he told a tearrul tale of misery and poverty to Special Policemen Redmond and Clifton. He was given another chance, and on the night of the theft he attended a meeting at the tabernacle and

attended a meeting at the tanernacie and decided to turn over a new leaf.

Meanwhile the police learned that there was no truth in Miller's pathetic story and kept watch upon him. He again visited the coal cars, and was about to get away with a good-sized load when he was captured. When brought before Magistrate Glenn at the ith and York streets station Miller sought mercy by his tale of distress. his tale of distress. But this time it fell flat, and an additional charge of stealing \$27 from a relative was made against him. He was held in \$400 ball for court.

The city has one employe who works for both the police and fire departments.
His name is Tom Cat. He divides his
time between the Belgrade and Clearfield streets police station and the engine ou of company No. 38. Tom rides in a patrol or a hose cart equally as well. In the morning he attends the bearings of the morning he attends the hearings of Magistrate Campbell in the station house, and in the afternoon he listens to the slarms in the fire house.

A daring attempt to kidnap Tom yes-

terday was thwarted by Fireman George Hummel, his master. He saw a small Hummel, his master. He saw a small Negre boy feeding frankfurters to the cat, and the sausages ied directly to a basket which was lying on the ground. Tom innocently followed the trail of sausage and was about to attack the tast link when the lid of the basket was clapped on and the boy selzed it and ran. Hummel, who had been watching the performs, ance, ran too, and the chase lasted for three blocks through side atreets and alloys before Hummel caught the kidhaper as he was trying to scale a fence. Hummel brought the youth to the pelics Hummel brought the youth to the police station, where the Negro told a pittful tale about his little brothers and sisters starying. The police were at a loas to understand how a cat would better their condition. The boy then admitted he intended to sell Tom. He was discharged and Tom's liberties were immediately cur-

UNCLE SAM'S LATEST DESTROYER LEAVES WAYS AT CRAMPS'

Miss Natalie Winslow Is Sponsor for Warcraft Named After Civil War Admiral.

Sirens shrieked, bells clanged and whistles blew today when the torpedoboat destroyer Winslow was slapped on the nose with a bottle of champagne wielded by Miss Natalie Emelle Winslow, of Newport, R. I., and slid down the ways into the Delaware River from Cramps' shippard. The launching took place just before noon. An audience of navy officers and shippard officials stood on the platform near the bow, surrounding Miss Winslow, who held the bottle ready. Workmen in the yard below danced about and tossed up hats when the signal was given for the launching. After tugs had taken the destroyer in

tow and placed her safely beside a dock, the guests were tendered a luncheon by officials of the shipyard. Mlss Winslow was the recipient of a handsome wrist

Miss Winslow is the daughter of Rear Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow, U. S. N., and a descendant of Rear Admiral John Ancrum Winslow, in whose honor the vessel was named. He was com-mander of the Kearsarge when she sunk the Confederate's famous Alabama in the memorable battle in June, 1864. The Winslow is a sister destroyer to the

O'Brien and Nicholson, now nearing com-pletion in the Cramp yards. She is 310 feet in length, 30 feet in breadth, 9 feet 412 inches draft, with a displacement of 1090 tons. Her specified speed is to be 29 knots an hour. The engines, of 25,000 horsepower, to develop this speed are oll burners. The vessel cost the Government \$800,000.

Among those who witnessed the launching were Rear Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow

Cochrane, Naval Constructor Lloyd Bank son, Lieutenant and Mrs. C. T. Blackburn, Captain and Mrs. W. S. Benson, Lieu-tenant Commander and Mrs. W. M. Hunt, Naval Constructor and Mrs. W. M. Hunt, Naval Constructor and Mrs. Elliot Snow, Captain and Mrs. W. S. Smith, Com-mander and Mrs. B. B. Brerer, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lacey, Ensign Lyall A. David-son, Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Traynor.

son, Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Traynor.
Lieutenant John L. Schaffer and the
following members of the Philadelphia
Association of Credit Men: F. B. Snyder,
C. M. Smyth. Charles Keaver, B. L. Levi,
D. G. Enzy, C. E. Joyce, P. H. Wolf, A.
W. Pickford, P. S. Ludlam, C. S. French,
H. E. Moody, Arthur Ahrenson, J. S.
Brock, George Masters, C. L. McCullough, J. H. McCracken, W. K. Hardt,
J. S. McKay, W. P. Miller, E. Morris,
Teaf, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Chandler,
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Combs.

DIES OF PTOMAINE POISON

Man Succumbs and Several Persons Made Ill. One man is dead and three other per-

sons are sick as a result of ptomaine poiing, which they are alleged to have contracted after eating canned asparagus yesterday. The dead man is Samuel Fox. 60 years old, a Negro, of 61 Brooklyn years old, a Negro, of the Brooks, years old, a Negro, of the Property of the morning by Albert Williams, another Negro, of the same address. Williams is the proprietor of the house, which is run as a poarding place. The others afflicted with of Williams, their 15-year-old daughter Martha, and Myrtle Taylor, 23 years old. another boarder

According to Mrs. Williams, she purchased a can of asparagus from the grocery store of Thomas Coulson, 4224 Wallace street. All those afflicted took sick soon after eating the asparagus, she said. Dr. Milton White, of 701 N. 42d street, is working hard to save the other characteristics. working hard to save the others suffering with the polson.

Coulson, the dealer who sold the as

paragus, says that he has had the paragus, says that he has had the same brand on sale for more than a year at his place of business. He declares that he has never had a complaint about it and that members of his own family have fre-

that members of his own family have frequently eaten it.

According to Mrs. Williams. Fox's life would have been saved if he had submitted to medical treatment when the others who were stricken called in the doctor. He declared, however, that his palies were slight, and was subsequently found dead.

Engard Released on Bail NORRISTOWN, Pa., Peh. II.—William Engard, of Philadelphia, who was made responsible by a Coroner's jury for the death of Albert P. Smith, at Gwynedd square, was admitted to ball today after habeas corpus proceedings before the Montgomery County court.

Sale of Postoffice Site Sanctioned

NOW, ALL TOGETHER, PRESIDENT STANDS IN A MIGHTY MOVE TO AID THE NEEDY

Tomorrow Will Be "Selfsacrifice Day," and Every Man, Woman and Child Can Help Raise \$100,000

You can be instrumental in creating happiness in thousands of poverty-stricken homes. This applies to every woman, man and child in Philadelphia. A contribution, no matter how small, will help to purchase underwear for children of the poor, pay the rent and to do many other things. other things. Suppose you felt convinced that by sac

Suppose you felt convinced that by sac-rificing some luxury for only 24 hours you could do so, wouldn't you care to assist in bringing sunshine into some family whose male members are out of work? To assist the destifute of Philadelphia Abraham Lincoln's birthday tomorrow has been set aside as "Self-Sacrifice Day." has been set aside as "Self-Sacrifice Day."
It will be a complete 24-hour day, too, for at midnight tonight the headquarters in the Lincoln Building will open and the workers will be on hand to receive contributions from generous Philadeiphians who are called upon to make a supreme effort to give at least \$100,000 and make this Lincoln's birthday the most

supreme effort to give at least stokes and make this Lincoln's birthday the most memorable ever celebrated.

Contributions in any amount will be received. If you haven't much money but would like to contribute a few dimes do not feel ashamed. Contribute the dimes. Five ten-cent pieces will hep to buy many leasts of bread as well as a quart of loaves of bread as well as a quart of potatoes.

Make up your mind now Contributions on "Self Sacrifice Day" will be received at the headquarters of the Emergency Ald Committee, whose headquarters are in the Lincoln Building, Broad street and South Penn square.

Should you have no time to visit the headquarters, you can leave your contribution at the office of any newspaper.

Cash bowls into which contributions should be dropped have been placed in the different newspaper.

should be dropped have been placed in the different newspaper offices. Philadelphia's representative women and men are on the committee which is trying to raise \$100,000. The money re-ceived will be used in aiding the unem-ployed, the sick and hungry. Arrangements were completed today to

have contributions received for the poor at the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle. Hundreds of persons today joined the movement to help Philadelphia's poor.

Many persons announced today that they intended to stop smoking for a week to order to turn over the money spent in

they intended to stop smoking for a week in order to turn over the money spent in cigars towards the raising of the \$100,000.

Here is a letter which reached the Evening Ledger today:

"Gentlemen—With the dawn of Self Sacrifice Day, the boys of our neighborhood are going to initiate a plan which it would be well for other fellows to follow. We are going to walk to and from low. We are going to walk to and from work, go without luncheon, taboo the cigars and cirgarettes and amusements in the evening, and give the \$1.75 to an old guy around the corner who ekes out an existence delivering newspapers and cir-

"Yours truly. "THE HIGHWAY SEXTETTE."

The Emergency Aid Committee ancounced today that within the last 24 iours contributions averaging \$1271.29 had been received.

Several storekeepers in different secions of the city said today that they would turn over their day receipts to norrow towards the fund being raised. The owner of a little grocery store on Lombard street was enthusiastic today over the movement launched.

over the movement launched.
"I don't care how much money I take in tomorrow," said the grocer, "I will turn over every penny to help the poor."
On the "fifty-fifty" basis the Adelphia Theatre will join in the Emergency Aid Committee's "Self-Sacrifice Day" movement for the Home Relief division tomor-

The management of the McConomy drugstore, 20th and Callowhill streets, suggested today that all drugsists and other storekeepers paste the newspaper other storekeeper advertisements of "Self-Sacrifice Day" in

their windows.

The French Relief Committee of the Emergency Aid Committee has issued a appeal for contributions of cash. clothing and hospital supplies for French soldiers in the field and for their suffering women and children at home. The house at 709 Locust street, the use of which has been donated to the French Committee by William Henry Furness, is the receiving and dispatching station of the committee. Large packages should be sent there; small packages, such as are carried conveniently under the arm, and cash donations should be sent or and cash donations should be sent or taken to the committee at 1428 Walnut

The Northwest Business Men's Associa tion will receive contributions for the Lincoln Self-Sacrifice Day fund at 2336

Columbia avenue. Hungry men and women today called at the headquarters of the Emergency Aid Committee. They asked for food and clothes. Many of the destitute were ac-companied by their children. A mother carrying a sick infant in her arms and closely followed by three children pleaded for some coal. Earlier in the day one of the investiga

tors, while going through South Phila-delphia, found a mother lying in a cold room. In the same bed, which was almost a wreck, was a baby one day old.

Letters from different parts of the city are pouring into the headquarters. The letters are written by men, women and

children. Little girls and boys wrote their stomachs were empty. They plea for bread and warm clothing. They pleaded Within a few hours after the doors of the headquarters were opened, more than \$100 was left by visitors. The money was dropped into the box which is attached to the door.

DENIED THAT U. S. ARMY MEN WILL GUARD CAPTIVES

Britain, However, Sought Supervision for War Prisoners. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- Supervision by

American army officers of British prison camps in Germany is not contemplated in egotiations pending between the Londo and Berlin Governments, with the Wash-ington Administration as intermediary, it was stated on official authority here today.

It was admitted, however, that Great Britain had asked Germany to permit general supervision of the British camps by the American Government

WILLIAM BROOKS GURLEY

William Brooks Gurley, a former president of the Stock Exchange in Washington, D. C., and founder of the banking firm of Gurley & Stephens, in that city, died yesterday at his home. 251 Harvey atreet, Germantown, after an iliness of two months. Mr. Gurley moved to Philadelphia last fall, and made his home with his son, the Rev. Melville Brooks Gurley, paster of the First Presbytorian Church, Germantown. He leaves a widow, five sons and a daughter.

Lane Will Open Pana ha Fair Sale of Postoffice Site Sanctioned
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Secretary of
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the afternoon paties a bill authorizing the sale of the old postoffice site at Jarsey City. The measure already had
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FIRM ON SHIP BILL DESPITE SETBACK

Will Call Extra Session if Necessary - Consents to Sidetracking for Appropriation Measures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. II.-After a lux ours' conference with Senators Fletcher and Simmons and Representative Ritchin. President Wilson decided to consent to a compromise in his ship-purchase bill fight it was stated on highest authority today The Administration's determination is fight to a finish sidetracks yesterday's proposals to tack the measure to the

Weeks bill or to substitute the Gore bill

for it. His talks with the Democrat

House and Senate leaders convinced the

President that nothing could be gained by such fiank movements. The President today plainly indicated in congressional callers that unless the fit. buster was beaten he certainly would call an extra session. He has definitely determined, it is understood, to carry the shipping fight to the country, and will urge it in his speeches when he soes to

TO SIDETRACK TEMPORARILY. Facing a Senate majority against the purchase bill the President Intimated to the Democratic leaders that he would consent being forced to this position of temporarily sidetracking the measure is the Upper House to permit work on the appropriation bills. It was virtually agreed that the Sensis

the San Francisco fair.

should go ahead on these while the ship purchase bill is being passed through the House. It was hoped by this means to avoid an extra session. The tentative program discussed was for the Senate to clean up appropriations and for another effort to be made during

and for another errort to be made during the last few days of the session to get the ship bill through the upper branch after its passage by the House. Should the Senate reject it, however, the de-cision would be up to the President whether or not to call an extra session. KITCHIN WARNS PRESIDENT Representative Kitchin had a rathe eated discussion with the Executive. He flatly told the latter that the ship bill would be defeated if brought before the

next Congress. He said he knew posttively that it would be defeated in the House, with the decreased Democ majority there, by at least 35 votes In view of the President's position, some of the leaders who saw him predicted that the bill would be passed by the House and defeated in the Senate just

before March 4 unless the amendment de manded by the insurgent Democratic Sen-ators, limiting the operation of the Gerernment fleet to two years after the war, is accepted. It was virtually decided at the confer ence to have the bill brought into the

House next week, under a special rule limiting debate, as an amendment to the Weeks navy transport bill. Its passage in the present House is deemed certain, even by Representative Kitchin and in other opponents.

REPUBLICAN WATCHFUL WAITING "Watchful waiting" described the Senate Republicans' attitude this afternoon on the ship purchase bill. Except Senator Vardaman, the bolters stood put to their last night's offer to vote for the bill if two important amendments ware adopted. One of these would force the Government out of the ship business at the end of a given time, generally fixed at two years after the war's expiration. lette amendment, which bars the Good

ernment from leasing the ships for more than one year. The bolters want it made impossible to lease the ships altoschen avoiding any Government operation. Viewed from this standpoint the fight was a straight line-up of Government ownership and anti-Government owner-ship forces, with the chances favoring the "antis."

Convinced apparently that the fillbuster could be continued until March 4, mak-ing an extra session necessary and block ing all other legislation, Senator North of Nebraska, and Senator Kenyon. I Iowa, Republican Progressives who have supported the Administration bill, with supported the Administration bill, with drew their support late yesterday. Sens-tor O'Gorman, of New York, one of the leaders of the Democratic opposition is the bill, moved to adjourn, and his ma-tion, by a vote of 48 to 46, was adopted. The Senate adjourned at 6:10 p. m. after a continuous session occupying 55 hours and 19 minutes, and breaking all records in the history of that body.

CHEST OF SILVER FOR SUNDAY Penna. R. R. Delegation of 8000 Men to Hear Evangelist.

Employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who in a body are to attend the "Billy" Sunday services in the tabernace evangellat and Mrs. Sunday with a char of silver. Each piece will have a bear tifully engraved Keyatone same Fresident Rea is expected to head the delegation. Arrangements for the reservation are being made by the Penistry valiet are being made by the Penarry vania Railroad Y. M. C. A., and it is expected about 5000 railroaders will be

Thug Uses Watchman as Target The Merion police are looking for thus who threw to the ground John Rose a negro watchman, in a deserted hose on Golf House road in Delaware Counts and after wreating away his revenue used the watchman for a target. Mr. the Mrs. H. C. Thayer, hearing the shift sent for the police, but Rose's assallan

escaped. CAMDEN CARPENTER MISSING Walter S. Thomas, a carpenter, amden, left home several weeks age a has not returned. the police to institute a search for missing man. Thomas is described as years old, with black hair, light boss oyes. At the time of his disappeared

